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FRIDAY, AUG. 18.

Senate not in session, having adjourned over to Monday.

House.—The House went immediately into Committee on the Whole, and took up the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill.

Mr. King spoke for an hour upon the President's message and the Texas boundary question.

Mr. Bowie, of Md., followed in an energetic speech upon the same subject. He was the only way to keep faith with New Mexico, under the treaty, and to do justice to Texas, was to pass Mr. Pearce's bill. This was also the best policy for the South. In conclusion, he made an eloquent appeal to Northern members in behalf of this measure.

Mr. Sweetser followed with some pertinent remarks on the same subject. He was the only member on Ways and Means, rose and made his closing speech upon the appropriation bill.

A discussion then arose as to mileage and pay of members, in which Messrs. Johnson, of Tenn., Sawyer, Thurston, Moore, Venable, Anderson, and others participated—most of them in favor of the present system.

At 3 o'clock the committee rose, and the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, AUG. 17.

House.—The Speaker laid before the House a letter from C. M. Conrad, tendering his resignation as a member of the Second District of Louisiana.

Mr. Nelson moved that the House go into committee on Private Calendars; disagreed, 45 to 71.

Mr. House went into Committee on the Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill, and resumed the consideration of the clause making appropriations for the per diem and mileage of members.

Various amendments were rejected—Mr. Featherstone's by a vote of 56 to 67.

The clause as originally reported, viz: mileage to be computed on the route by which the member is transported to his member residence, east of the Rocky Mountains shall receive more than one thousand dollars mileage for each session, and no member or delegate west of the Rocky Mountains more than two thousand dollars, and constructive mileage shall not be allowed.

Mr. Johnson, of Arkansas, moved an amendment, providing the dollar additional for stationery. The allowance by law had given out, and members he heard all around had been purchasing from their own pockets.

After a few words by Mr. Bayly and Mr. Thompson, of Mississippi, the amendment was rejected, 75 to 41.

Mr. Schenck offered an amendment, namely, that for the purpose of enabling the clerk to furnish members of the present Congress, who had not received them, such books as were furnished to members of the twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth Congresses, \$27,000, provided this shall not be construed to authorize reprinting of them.

Mr. Vinton said the books have been sold over and over again by members, and nothing further should be done than distribute them already on hand. He had often been importuned to sell his books.

Mr. McClelland—Does the gentleman charge the fact of his selling books of his own knowledge?

Mr. Vinton—I know it, and can prove it, and that is all I make no accusation against any member.

Mr. Giddings offered a proviso, that books shall be unmarked or stamped, in an ineffaceable manner, on the cover or title page, with the name of the members receiving. He wanted to prevent the abuse of public confidence. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the amount was increased to \$28,000.

Mr. Phelps said that not 1500 copies of the "American State Papers" were printed by authority, yet 1500 were distributed. Book-mongers brought them for a song, and sold them to the government for some six or seven dollars per copy.

Mr. Schenck said that a member who would sell his books was little better than one who would commit perjury.

Without disposing of the subject the committee rose and the House adjourned.

An Exciting Slave Case.

A Washington Correspondent of the N. Y. Evening News gives the following chapter for a history of slavery:

"The runaway slaves have been so numerous of late, in these parts, under the investigations of the abolitionists here and elsewhere, that the owners of this species of property have become very much alarmed, and are disposed to remove them to safer parts of the United States, or to sell them to slave traders. A cruel incident of this kind is exciting great sympathy here at present. The family of William Williams, the coachman of Presidents Polk, Taylor, and Fillmore, were suddenly, on Friday morning, seized by a slave trader, and taken to the States, in this city, off to Baltimore, to be sent to New Orleans. His wife, over fifty years of age, three daughters and three grand children, were thus snatched from him in an hour, to a fate worse than death, to be sold South to the highest bidder, and separated from him and each other. The poor man, writhing in pain, rolled on the ground, was nearly crazed in fact, by the dreadful parting. After many years toil, he had recently purchased his own freedom, but his family were owned by some one in New Orleans. The President feeling deeply for his distress, gave him money and let him remain in the city, to see them again. Williams found the trader would take the sum of \$3000 for them, and returned with the hope of raising that amount here to redeem them. A petition was drawn up and to-day circulated about the city and House of Representatives, setting forth the facts, and asking for assistance, which was so promptly rendered, that the prospect is in the language of Williams himself 'very fair.' The President, Mr. Webster, Gen. Scott, and a number of Senators, members, and citizens, have contributed sums from \$5 to \$50. Mr. Corcoran gave \$200, which was the price asked for the aged wife, and he made her 'free' at once. Besides doing this, Mr. Corcoran has purchased one of the women, who has lived in his family for some years. Mrs. Commodore Patterson, another, and Mrs. Gen. Towns, a third, who lived with her for some years past. So the children, for whom \$1500 were asked, only remain to be purchased by their grandfather, and he is in a fair way of raising this money. In all probability, these slaves would have been permitted to have remained undisturbed for years if all sense of humanity had not been destroyed by the temptation held out to run away. Every man who owns this kind of property now thinks of hurrying it off further South. Thus, though the District of Columbia may be made 'Free Soil,' by the Abolitionists, it will be said such scenes as I have depicted above, and such sufferings as I picture."

The Portuguese Affair.—We do not find in our London papers by the Pacific any later information from Lisbon in regard to the movements of Mr. Clay, or of our squadron in the Tagus, than was received here by the Cambria. It appears from the following announcement in the Philadelphia North American, that the government have received despatches from Mr. Clay, which must have been brought by the Cambria, in which our ambassador, after returning to Naples, whence he proposes to return to the United States. We presume no information has reached this country of the sailing of the American ship from the Tagus.

Washington, Aug. 11.—A special bearer of despatches from the Mediterranean Squadron arrived in Washington this morning. He reports Mr. Clay, Charge at Lisbon, as having demanded his passport and retired to Naples; whence he expects to return to the United States in two months. He is reported to have withdrawn from the consequences of the offensive terms in which the offer of the Portuguese Ministry to pay all claims except that in relation to the General Armstrong, were couched.

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Foreign News.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

Arrival of the Steamship Europa at Halifax.

ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUG. 20, 1850.

Cotton more quiet—a slight reduction in prices. The Europa sailed from Liverpool at 11 o'clock Saturday week, and arrived here at half past ten last night.

The Atlantic sailed at Liverpool from New York, on Tuesday at midnight. Her running time from Dock to Dock is stated at ten days eight hours—thus beating all previous passages by many hours.

Flour & Corn.—The weather has been showery and variable, rendering harvesting operations along with this have large arrivals of wheat from the North of Europe, and prices remain pretty nearly as before for wheat and flour—India corn, influenced by very general reports of blight, has advanced six pence to one shilling per quarter.

Provisions.—Beef, fair sales at steady prices. Pork duties prices advanced. Cheese, no improvement. Lard commands 3 1/2 pence. Rice sold at 16 to 18 1/2 d. Coffee slow sales at decreasing rates. Sugar, London and Liverpool markets are active, at improving rates. Tea, improving demand for all common cargo at one and one half pence. No change in green tea. Ashes are dearer, with good inquiry. Sales reach 8000 bbls. at 30s. to 31s. for pearl, and 35s. for pots. Tobacco, small business, prices remain firm. Oil—Olive, a fair business at late advance. Fish oils, dull.

Business in the manufacturing districts continues brisk. The prospect of an abundant harvest in grain, and the prospect of potatoes, for which serious apprehensions are beginning to be felt. The rot is reported to be spreading rapidly, especially in the south of Ireland.

MONTPELIER.

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THROUGH TICKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO.

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